

Notes on English Literature. By Fred P. Emery. (Boston: Ginn & Co.)

This work is one result of years of experience in instructing the students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in English. The notes are practically a syllabus of a series of lectures, but they are far more valuable than this bare statement implies. The author treats his subject in an enlightened, sensible, enthusiastic manner.

The Progressive Euclid. Books I. and II. Edited by A. T. Richardson, M.A. 2s. 6d. (London: Macmillan & Co., and New York.)

This new edition of Euclid is written with a view to making the subject as simple and little confusing as possible in language and arrangement. There are some two hundred and thirty good questions on the definitions and several notes and hints of more than ordinary value.

Canadian Constitutional Documents. Edited with Notes and an Introduction by William Houston, M.A. \$3.00. (Toronto: Carswell & Co.) The value of this publication goes without saying, and THE MONTHLY congratulates the editor and publishers on its appearance. The documents are twenty-two in number, and include extracts from all important Acts and Treaties, and State Papers, such as Lord Durham's Report, etc. This work should be found in all Canadian libraries.

Life of Thackeray. By Herman Merivale and Frank T. Marzials. (London: Walter Scott; Toronto: W. J. Gage & Co.)

The excuse which Mr. Merivale pleads for his undertaking is a just one. "I knew him, Horatio." But no one will ask for an excuse, for all will read this brief biography with pleasure. It is one of the best of the "Great Writers" Series of this publishing house, and being the first Life of Thackeray its success is assured: its interest and merit would speedily gain this in any case. It is the interesting story of Thackeray's life, and doings, and friends. Many biographies of great men are disappointing and disenchanting, but not this one. The man was greater than his works, and the more we know of him, the more we love him.

English Classics. Scott's Lady of the Lake. Edited by Professor Stuart of Kumbakonam College. 2s. 6d. (London: Macmillan & Co., and New York.) The notes in this number of the English Classics are chiefly grammatical and sociological (the latter being intended more especially for students in India. The introduction is good, though short, and the notes, as usual, are full and satisfactory.

The American Citizen. By the Rev. Chas. F. Dole. \$1.00. (Boston: D. C. Heath & Co.) A work which treats of political and social affairs from a moral point of view is welcome. The present one is intended for use in American grammar and high schools, and treats of subjects which every boy and girl ought to know something of before leaving school. The author's ideas are good and his principles sound and well presented.

Principles of the Algebra of Logic. By A. MacFarlane, M.A., D.Sc. (Boston: Ginn & Co.)

Messrs. Ginn & Co. have issued an American edition of this book, which was first published by David Douglas (Edinburgh) in 1879, and is the work of an Edinburgh mathematician. It is a treatment of the theory of the operation of the mind in reasoning about quality and a comparison of the principles of the Algebra of Quantity, with those of the Algebra of Quality (including both formal logic and the theory of probability) with numerous examples.

Studies in Literature. By John Morley. (London: Macmillan & Co., and New York.) These Essays by Mr. Morley, which originally appeared in the *Nineteenth Century* or the *Fortnightly*, are now issued in an attractive volume from the press of Messrs. Macmillan & Co. The author, eminent in politics as in literature, is a master of English prose, and these essays discuss literary topics in a delightful manner. Among these may be mentioned "French Models," "The Ring and the Book," "Maine's Popular Government," and "Wordsworth." There are not many recent books which one would rather read than this.